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October 10, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Deputy Secretary of State
The Deputy Secretary of Defense
The Under Secretary of Treasury
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Action Program for the NSCIC Working Group

At its last meeting, the National Security Council Intelligence Committee assigned various actions to the Working Group. The tasks detailed in the attached action program should be completed by the Working Group for consideration at an early meeting of the NSCIC.

In keeping with the mission of the NSCIC, the Working Group is being reconstituted as a group of "intelligence users" with representation limited to one member for each NSCIC member. The representative of the DCI will be the only "intelligence producer" on the Working Group and will provide any contributions needed from the Intelligence Community. The DCI's representative will serve as chairman of the Working Group.

It is requested that the name of your Working Group member be provided to the NSCIC Executive Secretary, Richard Ober (Code 103, extension 5725).

Brent Scowcroft
Henry A. Kissinger for

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ACTION PROGRAM FOR NSCIC WORKING GROUP

Agenda item 1: Perspectives for Intelligence, 1975 - 1980

Each Working Group member is requested to provide to the Working Group Chairman within ten days his comments as to any policy issues identified in the paper which should be called to NSCIC attention. The Chairman will consolidate these comments and submit them to the Working Group members for concurrence and/or consideration at a Working Group meeting as appropriate.

Agenda item 2: Key Intelligence Questions for FY 1975

Working Group members are requested to provide to the Chairman of the Working Group within ten days, any comments or suggestions on the Key Intelligence Questions.

The Intelligence Community Staff will prepare a report concerning warning intelligence and the handling of information in pre-crisis and crisis situations. This report will be considered by the Working Group prior to submission to the NSCIC.

Agenda item 3a: Intelligence Resources Overview

The Intelligence Community Staff will prepare a report for consideration by the Working Group on the "people problem" which has arisen as a result of major reduction in personnel strength of the Intelligence Community over the past several years, with particular attention to the impact this has had on the availablility of skilled analysts. Proposed actions which could improve the outlook for development and improvement of the analytic force in key areas will be included. The Working Group is to prepare recommendations for submission to the NSCIC concerning the above report and any other resource matters considered appropriate.

Agenda item 3b: Pending Legislation

The Working Group will undertake follow-up on the legislation proposed by the DCI to amend the National Security Act of 1947 in order to enhance the protection of intelligence sources and methods. The Working Group will prepare recommendations for the NSCIC as a priority matter.

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Agenda item 3c: Proposed "Omnibus" NSCID

With NSCIC approval of the concept of an Omnibus NSCID to replace all of the existing NSCIDs and codify existing relationships in the Intelligence Community, a special Task Group is being formed to develop a USIB-coordinated version of the Omnibus NSCID. The coordinated NSCID will be submitted to the Working Group for development of a recommendation to the NSCIC. Completion of the project is expected in October.

Agenda item 3d: Proposed NSCID No. 9 on Operations Within the United States and Involving U.S. Citizens Abroad

A revised USIB-approved draft will be prepared for consideration by the Working Group and development of a recommendation to the NSCIC.

Agenda item 3e: National/Tactical Intelligence Interface

This item was not considered at the NSCIC meeting. A progress report on the Secretary of Defense/DCI project now underway on this problem will be reviewed by the Working Group for submission to the NSCIC at its next meeting.

Added item: "The fact of" Satellite Reconnaissance

The Working Group will review the DCI's letter of August 22, 1974, on this subject and make a report to the NSCIC.

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

16 October 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
The Deputy Secretary of State
The Deputy Secretary of Defense
The Under Secretary of Treasury
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT : Designation of NSCIC Working Group Chairman

1. Reference is Dr. Kissinger's memorandum, "Action Program for the NSCIC Working Group," dated 10 October 1974, which reconstituted the Working Group with the DCI representative as its chairman.

2. I have designated Lieutenant General Samuel V. Wilson, my Deputy for the Intelligence Community, to serve as my representative.

3. Communications on NSCIC Working Group business should be addressed to my office for General Wilson's attention. His telephone is code 143, extension 4216.

/signed/
W. E. Colby

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